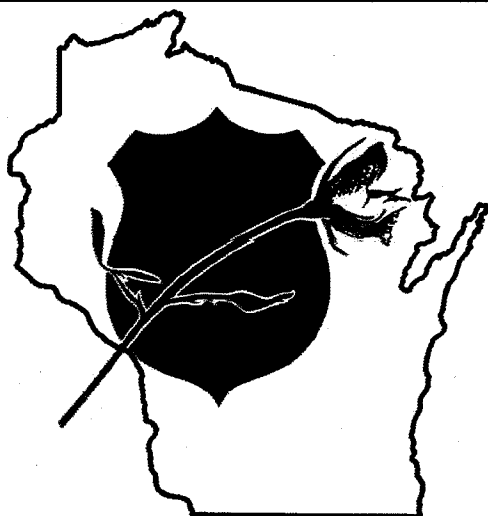


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Chair, Committee on Transportation  
Room 11 North  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 8953  
Madison, WI 53708

Re: Assembly Bill 119

Dear Representative Petrowski:

It is my sincere honor to write and express our support of Officer Martin Schrampf's efforts to establish a law enforcement memorial license plate honoring the service and sacrifice of Wisconsin officers who have died in the line of duty. I am excited Wisconsin is considering joining the growing list of states that offer Law Enforcement Memorial specialty plates.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund hereby grants the State of Wisconsin, Department of Motor Vehicles use of the NLEOMF's Rose & Shield logo for the purpose of a specialty Law Enforcement Memorial license plate for the state of Wisconsin, as outlined in Assembly Bill 119. The logo may be used to develop, promote and market the license plate.

Thank you for time and consideration. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact John Shanks via e-mail at [JShanks@nleomf.org](mailto:JShanks@nleomf.org)

Respectfully,

John E. Shanks, Director  
Law Enforcement Relations  
National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund

**Wisconsin State Assembly  
Committee on Transportation  
By Officer Martin Schrapfer  
Menasha Police Department  
October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, Thank you for this opportunity to present to the Committee on Transportation concerning a law enforcement memorial license plate in Wisconsin.

My name is Martin Schrapfer and I am a Police Officer with the Menasha Police Department. I am here to express my support along with the support of the Menasha Police Benevolent Association for Assembly Bill 119, which is designed to allow any citizen to express support for the families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

Established in 1984, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund honors the service and sacrifice of every law enforcement officer from city, county, state and federal agencies that have died in the line of duty protecting their community. This includes 247 law enforcement officers from Wisconsin.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is located in historical Judiciary Square in Washington, D.C. The National Memorial's logo, the red rose lying across a blue shield, is the single most recognized symbol honoring the sacrifice of men and women who have given their lives in the line of duty. In addition, this symbol gives family members and colleagues peace of mind knowing their fallen loved one will always be honored and remembered.

Currently there are six (6) other states that have Memorial License Plates. I have an exhibit here and have provided you with a copy for your reference. These states are: Virginia, Connecticut, Maryland, Ohio, Kentucky, and New Jersey. Just recently the state of Delaware authorized the issuance of a memorial license plate. Less than 2 weeks ago I observed a vehicle in Green Bay with Kentucky Memorial Plates.

I have also prepared a graphic of a sample plate that can be considered for the State of Wisconsin. On this license plate great care was taken to incorporate Wisconsin's standard design for specialty plates and add some unique features that honor law enforcement.

- Underscoring Wisconsin across the top is a "thin blue line" an internationally recognized symbol which signifies the thin line between order and chaos. This symbol joins together all law enforcement professionals and honors the sacrifice so many have made.
- On the left side is the "Rose and Shield" honoring the service and sacrifice of all law enforcement professionals who have died in the line of duty. In addition to appearing at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, the National

Memorial's logo of the "Rose and Shield" appears at law enforcement memorials, police stations and meeting halls all across America.

- Finally, on the bottom, a slogan which speaks to the service that law enforcement officers provide to the community to keep each and every one of us safe and secure.

I have received the endorsement of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and provided you with a copy of a letter signed by their Director of Law Enforcement Relations, John Shanks for your review. The National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial fund is allowing Wisconsin to use the "Rose and Shield" logo specifically on our new Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial License Plate.

In closing I would like to recognize that Wisconsin's law enforcement community does not have a specialty plate. We are ready to join EMTs, Paramedics, Firefighters, military services and universities with our very own license plate that will not only honor the service and sacrifice of our fallen heroes, but will also raise public awareness to support Wisconsin's law enforcement community.

It has been my honor to address this committee today and I can answer any questions that you may have.

# Wisconsin EMS Association

Your voice for EMS



October 11, 2011

Representative Jerry Petrowski  
Chairman  
Assembly Transportation Committee  
Room 11 North  
State Capitol Building  
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Chairman Petrowski,

On behalf of the Wisconsin EMS Association (WEMSA), I am writing to request that the Assembly Transportation Committee consider amending Assembly Bill 119, which would offer special distinguishing license plates to families of fallen police officers, to include other municipal safety personnel.

Police, firefighters, first responders, and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) work together to ensure public safety and proper response in the event of an emergency. Whether a house fire, traffic accident, heart attack at a place of business, or other emergency event, police, firefighters, first responders, and EMTs are on the scene to treat and care for the victims.

This public safety net at times comes with great costs. When duty has called, and an emergency responder gives the ultimate sacrifice for the public good, we support efforts to help the family honor the memory of that hero. That's why WEMSA supports AB-119 and would ask that the committee amend the bill to also include fallen firefighters, first responders, and EMTs.

Nationwide, between 15-20 EMTs are killed every year in the line of duty. While Wisconsin has been mostly fortunate in the past, we have not been without tragedy. In December 2008, a UW Hospital Med-Flight crew crashed near LaCrosse killing all three crewmembers on board, including an EMT/RN and a physician, who also served as the Madison Fire Department and EMS Medical Director.

A similar tragedy occurred in Green Bay in 2006, as a Brown County Rescue Air Ambulance Service helicopter experienced problems during lift off and crashed, killing the pilot/EMT on board. When the pilot realized that the helicopter was malfunctioning, he intentionally steered the rescue vehicle away from occupied buildings in the area – including dozens of children and their caretakers at the nearby Bellevue Children's World Learning Center – and crashed the helicopter in a way so as to not harm others.

Wisconsin's law enforcement officers, firefighters, first responders, and EMTs place their lives on the line every day in the service of their communities. They work together to protect, serve, treat, and care for the citizens of this state. Therefore, we would encourage the committee to consider expanding this bill to include all public safety personnel in the community: police, firefighters, first

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responders, and EMTs. All serve tirelessly and with distinction; and when any one emergency responder falls in the line of service to their community, no matter what badge they wear, they should be honored as the fallen heroes that they truly are.

On behalf of WEMSA, I would like to thank the committee for its consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mindy Allen".

Mindy Allen  
Executive Director  
Wisconsin EMS Association

cc: All Members of Assembly Transportation Committee